THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Government allow import of technology on a selective basis where need has been established, technology does not exist within the country, or the time taken to generate the technology indigenously would delay the achievement of development targets.

(c) Technology is constantly on the move. In order to maintain international competitiveness in products and services there is need to modernise various industries; during the seventh five year plan emphasis will be on sectors relating to food, employment and productivity.

(d) Modernisation of Industry would result in much higher employment. This is to be ensured through choice of proper technology diffusion of technology, as well as upgradation of technologies to cottage, village and small industries sector.

Telephone connection for members of Parliament

3091. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Members of Parliament are entitled to a telephone connection anywhere in India, besides those in one's constituency and in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that priority is not being accorded to the Members of Parliament for the third telephone connection, even after issue of OBs by the Telecommunications Department;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Area Manager, South Delhi has not provided telephone connection to the Members of Parliament for more than three months even after the issue of orders; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against the concerned officer and whether Government propose to issue instructions to all the Area Managers for providing of immediate telephone connections to Members of Parliament and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Besides the two telephone connections provided on the account of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha, a Member of Parliament is entitled to a telephone connection on private account at his/her office|residence or at any other place where he is ordinarily available.

(b) No, Sir. Due priority is accorded in the execution of OBS issued for the provision of the third telephone connection to a Member of Parliament, subject to technical feasibility.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

Telephone calls from trunk dial PCOs

3092. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to make a call from trunk dial PCO, one has to put a minimum of 12 new one rupee coins into the coin slot;

(b) whether Government are aware of the paucity of one rupee coins in the market; and

(c) if so, what other steps Government are taking to make trunk dial from PCOs easy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. It is not necessary to put a minimum of 12 new one rupee coins into the coin slot. One can speak even by putting lesser number of coins. The unspent coins come out as soon as the handset is replaced. Before the last coin is

consumed automatically an audio tone comes on the line to inform the caller that he must insert more coins if he desires to continue conversation for a longer time. The caller also gets a visual display.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Dpartment is studying designs of value paid card Operated pay-phones for eventual placement in service.

Location of TV relay centre at Gaogtnk

3093. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present location of the TV relay centre at Gangtok in Sikkim covers only a part of the Gangtok town even though a number of other Government buildings had been vacated in 1975 in Raj Bhawan Area; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to ensure that the National Programme reaches the rural areas of Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The coverage of the existing low power (100 Watt) TV transmitter at Gangtok is somewhat limited due to local terrain conditions.

(b) Replacement of the existing low power (100 Watt) transmitter by a high pwer (I Kilowatt) transmitter at Gangtok and installation of very low power (2x10 Watts) transmitters at Mangan, Namchi & Gyalshing are included in the VII Plan. TV coverage in Sikkim (including rural areas) is expected to improve considerably after these transmitters are installed.

Arms build-up in Pakistan

3094. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is trying to purchase modern and more sophisticated weapons from various countries in the world;

(b) if so, what are the details of Government's information in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to offset the effect of the arms build-up in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Pakistan is known to be acquiring modern and security and initiate appropriate measures other countries.

(c) Government monitor all developlopments which have a bearing on our security and intiate appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

हरिजन मजदूरों पर अत्याचारों के सम्बन्ध में गृह मंत्री को ज्ञापन

3095. श्री राम सिंह भाई पातलीया-भाई राठवा : क्या गृह मंत्रीयह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली पुलिस द्वारा हरिजनों , मजदूरों तथा महिलाओं पर बढ़ते हुए अत्याचारों तथा उसके द्वारा साम्प्रदायिकता को प्रोत्साहन दिये जाने के संबंध में 4 नवम्बर, 1986 को दिल्ली के लोगों की ओर से गृह मंत्री को एक ज्ञापन दिया गया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ज्ञापन देने से पहले कुछ व्यक्तियों ने जिनमें महिलायें भी शामिल थीं, प्रदर्शन भी किया था ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?